

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 24, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 556 - HB 1064**

This bill, if enacted, will establish the *Tennessee Apiary Act of 1995* and encourage the Commissioner of Agriculture to establish the Agricultural Technical Advisory Committee to review proposed program plans, rules, regulations, policies and other matters pertaining to the department's apiary functions and to make recommendations to the Commissioner and State Apiarists.

Further, this bill establishes misdemeanor provisions for violations of the bill.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in recurring state expenditures of approximately \$146,548 for five positions and related expenses and \$95,000 for grants to local governments for local apiary inspectors working under cooperative inspection agreements between county or municipal governments and the Department of Agriculture.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill will depend upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resultant increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

Therefore, the fiscal impact cannot be readily determined, but is not estimated to be significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director